

Sec. 6-21. Running at large.

(a) Prohibited generally. Every owner or keeper of a dog of any age whatsoever in the town shall not allow such dog to be at large outside the enclosure of such owner or keeper, but shall cause such dog when outside the enclosure of such owner or keeper to be kept on a leash.

(b) Impoundment; fee and notice. Every dog found wandering at large on any sidewalk or in any street or highway in the town, or anywhere outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper shall be impounded by the animal control officer, who shall receive \$25.00 for the use of the town for impounding such dog for the first time; \$50.00 for the second time and \$75.00 for each time after the second time that the dog is impounded for wandering at large. In addition thereto, \$5.00 per day shall be paid for the services of the animal control officer for each day the dog is impounded for its feeding and care. If the owner or keeper of such dog shall not, within 24 hours from such impounding, seek the release of such dog, the animal control officer shall notify such owner or keeper of such dog, if known, of such impounding.

(Code 1986, § 3-17; Ch. 788, § 1, 8-16-1999)

State law references: Fine for violation, authority to permit citation and fine payment by mail, G.L. 1956, § 4-13-1(8); unrestricted dogs, fine, G.L. 1956, § 4-13-15.1.

Sec. 6-22. Dog bites.

(a) Impoundment; investigation. Every dog, outside the enclosure of its owner or keeper, which shall bite or assault a human being, may be impounded immediately upon the filing of a written complaint with the animal control officer or the police department. The dog may be kept impounded until disposition of the case by a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance, with the provisions of this division. In making the investigation of the incident referred to in this subsection, it shall be the duty of the police and the animal control officer to inform the dog owner of the provisions of this section.

(b) Penalties. The owner or keeper of any dog which bites or assaults a human being as provided in subsection (a) of this section may be fined \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense within a year, \$75.00 for the third and any subsequent offense within a year, or the court may order destruction of the dog for the first offense or any subsequent offense. In addition to the above penalties, the owner or keeper shall pay the sum of \$5.00 per day for the services of the animal control officer for each day the dog is impounded.

(Code 1986, § 3-19; Ch. 788, § 1, 8-16-1999)

State law references: Fines, G.L. 1956, § 4-13-1(8); authority regarding vicious dog, G.L. 1956, § 4-13-19; rabies control, G.L. 1956, § 4-13-31; vicious dogs, G.L. 1956, §§ 4-13.1-3, 4-13-15.1.

Sec. 6-23. Redemption of impounded dogs.

To obtain the release and possession of an impounded dog, the owner or keeper of the dog impounded shall pay the animal control officer the fees provided in this division together with the expense of advertising, if any; shall provide proof of the dog being licensed; and shall provide proof of a current rabies vaccination. The owner or keeper of the dog impounded shall be liable to pay the impound fees regardless of whether the owner or keeper seeks release of the impounded dog. A failure to pay the fees shall be deemed to be an offense under this article.

(Ch. 788, § 1, 8-16-1999)

State law references: Mandatory spaying or neutering, G.L. 1956, § 4-19-16.

Secs. 6-24--6-40. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. LICENSING*

*State law references: Dog license required, G.L. 1956, § 4-13-4; rabies control, G.L. 1956, §§ 4-13-29--4-13-32.

Sec. 6-41. Required.

All dogs shall be licensed and collared in accordance with the provisions of state law.

(Code 1986, § 3-31)

State law references: Dog license required, G.L. 1956, § 4-13-4.

Sec. 6-42. Certificate of vaccination prerequisite to license.

No license required by the provisions of this division shall be issued any dog in the town unless the person making application therefor shall first present to the town clerk, or any other person duly authorized to issue such license, a current certificate of vaccination or inoculation against rabies for the dog which such license is requested. Such certificate shall certify that the vaccination or inoculation will be effective until the expiration date of the license being issued.

(Code 1986, § 3-32)

State law references: Rabies vaccination required for dogs, cats, ferrets, certain other domestic animals, G.L. 1956, §§ 4-13-4, 4-13-31.

Secs. 6-43--6-55. Reserved.

ARTICLE III. HUNTING*

*State law references: Shooting, etc., on posted lands of another person, G.L. 1956, § 11-44-4.

Sec. 6-56. Prohibited; exceptions.

No person shall hunt, take or kill any wild bird or animal at any time within the town; provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall prohibit an owner or a tenant of land and persons who have the consent in writing of the owner or tenant, pursuant to the fish and game laws of the state, from hunting and killing wild birds or animals on such property.

(Code 1986, § 3-46)

Cross references: Firearms prohibited; exception, § 46-7.

Sec. 6-57. Permission.

(a) Required. No person shall hunt, take or kill any wild bird or animal at any time on the land of another without written permission from the owner or tenant of such land countersigned by the chief of police pursuant to the fish and game laws of the state.

(b) Renewed annually; revocation. All permission must be renewed annually and may be revoked for cause by parties issuing the permission.

(Code 1986, §§ 3-47, 3-48)

Secs. 6-58--6-75. Reserved.

ARTICLE IV. FARM ANIMALS

Sec. 6-76. Certain animals walking on sidewalks prohibited; exception.

It shall be unlawful for any person to permit his own, or any other cow, horse, or other draft or bovine animal, over which he for the time being has control or care, to walk upon any sidewalk in the town, except for the purpose of crossing such sidewalk from the highway to abutting land.

(Code 1986, § 3-1)

Cross references: Streets, sidewalks and other public places, ch. 66.

State law references: Local regulation of cattle, G.L. § 23-19.2-9.

Sec. 6-77. Restriction on swine.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep in the town any swine within 300 feet of any dwelling house or habitation of any other person. Every day of keeping swine in violation of this section shall constitute a separate offense.

(Code 1986, § 3-2)

Sec. 6-78. Horses.

(a) Restrictions. No horse shall be walked or ridden on any public property except a highway within the town nor allowed to wander or graze on any public property within the town.

(b) Owner's responsibility. The owner or person in control of a horse shall be responsible for the immediate removal and proper disposal of any excrement discharged from the horse.

(Code 1986, §§ 3-3, 3-4)